

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A fuel container made of a layered structure, the layered structure at least comprising:

a fuel barrier layer made of a fuel barrier resin (A); and

an outer layer made of a thermoplastic resin (B) that is different from the fuel barrier resin (A),

wherein the fuel container is provided with an opening through its body, wherein a cutting face of a layer at the opening is covered by a fuel barrier member made of a fuel barrier material (C), wherein the layer covered by the fuel barrier member is located on the outside with respect to the fuel barrier layer, and

wherein the fuel barrier member is exposed to ~~the~~ an opening space through the fuel container, or the fuel barrier member and the fuel barrier layer are exposed to the opening space through the fuel container.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 17, comprising:

an intermediate layer serving as the fuel barrier layer; and

an inner layer and an outer layer made of the thermoplastic resin (B).

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 17, wherein an adhesive resin layer is located between the fuel barrier layer and the layer made of the thermoplastic resin (B).

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 17, wherein a gasoline permeation amount (measured at 40°C and 65% RH) of the fuel barrier resin (A) is at most $100\text{g} \cdot 20\mu\text{m}/\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day}$.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 17, wherein the fuel barrier resin (A) is at least one selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol resins, polyamides, and aliphatic polyketones.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The fuel container of claim 17, wherein the thermoplastic resin (B) is high-density polyethylene.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 20, wherein a gasoline permeation amount (measured at 40°C and 65% RH) of the fuel barrier material (C) is at most $400\text{g} \cdot 20\mu\text{m}/\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day}$.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 17, wherein the fuel barrier material (C) is at least one selected from the group consisting of metal foil, epoxy resin, polyvinylidene chloride resin, polyvinylalcohol resin, polyamide resin, polyester resin, and fluorocarbon resin.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 17, wherein the fuel barrier member covers the cutting face via an adhesive.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 17, wherein a pinch-off part of the fuel container is covered with a fuel barrier member.

Claim 27 (Original): The fuel container of claim 17, wherein a component for fuel containers is mounted onto the opening portion.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A fuel container made of a layered structure, the layered structure at least comprising:

a fuel barrier layer made of a fuel barrier resin (A); and

an outer layer made of a thermoplastic resin (B) that is different from the fuel barrier resin (A),

wherein the fuel container is provided with an opening, a cut-out or a groove is provided around the opening in an outer surface of the outer layer of the fuel container such that the cut-out or the groove does not extend completely through the outer layer, and the cut-out or the groove is covered or filled with a fuel barrier member made of a fuel barrier material (C); and

wherein the fuel barrier layer is exposed to ~~the~~ an opening space.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 28, comprising:

an intermediate layer serving as the fuel barrier layer; and

an inner layer and an outer layer made of the thermoplastic resin (B).

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein an adhesive resin layer is located between the fuel barrier layer and the layer made of the thermoplastic resin (B).

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein a gasoline permeation amount (measured at 40°C and 65% RH) of the fuel barrier resin (A) is at most $100\text{g} \cdot 20\mu\text{m}/\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day}$.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein the fuel barrier resin (A) is at least one selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol resins, polyamides, and aliphatic polyketones.

Claim 33 (Original): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein the thermoplastic resin (B) is high-density polyethylene.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 31, wherein a gasoline permeation amount (measured at 40°C and 65% RH) of the fuel barrier material (C) is at most $400\text{g} \cdot 20\mu\text{m}/\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day}$.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein the fuel barrier material (C) is at least one selected from the group consisting of metal foil, epoxy resin, polyvinylidene chloride resin, polyvinylalcohol resin, polyamide resin, polyester resin, and fluorocarbon resin.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein the fuel barrier member covers the cutting face, cut-out or groove via an adhesive.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein a pinch-off part of the fuel container is covered with a fuel barrier member.

Claim 38 (Original): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein a component for fuel containers is mounted onto the opening portion.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 38, wherein the component for fuel containers is a fuel barrier member made of the fuel barrier material (C), and the cut-out or groove is covered by mounting the component for fuel containers.

Claim 40 (Original): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein the cut-out or groove provided in the outer surface around the opening completely surrounds the opening.

Claim 41 (Original): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein a depth of the cut-out or groove is 0.1 to 0.8 times an average thickness (Y) of the container body.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein a depth of the cut-out or groove is at least 0.2 and less than 1 times a total thickness (Y2) of layers locating on the outside with respect to the fuel barrier layer.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): The fuel container of claim 28, wherein a ratio (Y2/Y) of total thickness (Y2) of layers located on the outside with respect to the fuel barrier layer and the average thickness (Y) of the container body is at most 45/100.

Claims 44-45 (Canceled)